

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3128 - HB 3123

March 8, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows the Board of Medical Examiners and other health professional licensing boards to become health professional licensure agencies (HPLA). HPLAs are quasi-independent entities to regulate health professionals. Such entities would be independent of state government but could contract with the Department of Health for administrative support. The Commissioner of Health is to appoint an executive director for the agency with the approval of the board. Employees of the health professional agencies shall be considered state employees and current employees may transfer to the new agency. All assets and liabilities are also to transfer. The bill also makes changes to the Medical Practice Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Forming a Health Professional Licensure Agency will result in increased state expenditures over the current expenditures of the replaced health related board or boards of an amount which cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 and a corresponding increase in state revenues of an amount estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Assumes:

- The Board of Medical Examiners will choose to become a Health Professional License Agency as outlined in the bill. In addition other regulatory boards may choose to restructure as Health Professional Licensure Agencies.
- Health Professional Licensure Agencies are considered to be state governmental agencies and as such all revenues and expenditures are included in the state budget.
- The Board of Medical Examiners or other Health Regulatory boards that choose to become Health Professional Licensure Agencies will experience an increase in administrative expenditures as the result of being independent of the Department of Health, since the Department currently provides administrative support in such areas as legal, personnel and finance.
- Fees will be established at a rate sufficient to cover all expenses of the Health Professional Licensure Agency.

For information purposes the Board of Medical Examiners had a negative fund balance of \$296,948 as of June 30, 1999 according to the Department of Health.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director